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W. EMERGENCY TASK FORCE ON FRANCE

I. Administrative Arrangement for the Emergency Task Force on France

a. Title and Dates:

The Emergency Task Force on France was formally proclaimed on 31 May 1968, although personnel of the French Branch, Office of Current Intelligence, had begun sitrep production on 26 May. It continued in active operation until disbanded on 5 June 1968.

b. Creation:

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On 31 May 1968 [REDACTED], Director, Office of Current Intelligence, designated [REDACTED] Chief, Western Europe Division, to be Chief of the Emergency Task Force on France.

c. Participation:

The task force was staffed by the personnel of the French Branch with some secondment of individuals from other branches who had a knowledge of the French situation. No other office as such was represented on the task force. The task force maintained close liaison with the Office of Strategic Research for data on the French military situation and with the Office of Economic Research for information on the economic situation and the effects of the strikes on the French economy. Personnel were in constant touch with analysts of the clandestine services, and with personnel of the Office of National Estimates with whom they coordinated the memoranda produced by the task force.

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X. PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA

I. Administrative Arrangement to Provide Support
for the Presidential Trip to Central America

a. Title and Dates:

The Presidential Trip Task Force (Central America) was constituted to be effective 5 July 1968 and for the duration of President Johnson's trip to Central America, which was scheduled to end on 8 July.

b. Creation:

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By OCT Notice 50-89, dated 3 July 1968,

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[REDACTED] Chief, Western Hemisphere Area, Office of Current Intelligence, was designated Chief, and [REDACTED] named deputy chief. Other components of the Office of Current Intelligence were requested to give all appropriate assistance to the task force and each Area Chief was instructed to designate an officer to act as his area's main contact with the task force. The task force was responsible for all intelligence production in direct support of the President's trip. Among other activities it was to issue daily and/or spot memoranda on security conditions in San Salvador, El Salvador, and other areas where the President would be stopping, and issue daily at 1200 hours EDT beginning on 5 July a Central American Roundup which would cover all reporting and commentary on the meeting of Central American presidents, and any developments in the Western Hemisphere area about which the President and his party should be informed. Except for emergency developments, reporting on events outside the Western Hemisphere

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would be handled by the normal flow of OCI publications to the Presidential party.

c. Participation:

The task force was staffed by personnel from the Middle America Division of the Office of Current Intelligence.

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Y. EMERGENCY TASK FORCE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

I. Administrative Arrangement for the Emergency Task Force on Czechoslovakia

a. Title and Dates:

The Czechoslovak Task Force was organized on 21 August 1968 and functioned until 8 September. However, its personnel were involved in the production of sitreps during several periods prior to the organization of the task force; from 9-12 May, 18-29 July, and 2-3 August.

b. Creation:

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[REDACTED] Acting Chief, European Area of the Office of Current Intelligence, was designated chief of the DDI-organized Task Force. He was responsible for the supervision and coordination of the DDI intelligence effort on all aspects of the Czechoslovak crisis.

c. Participation:

The task force was staffed by personnel from the Eastern European Division, from the Soviet Division of the European Area, Office of Current Intelligence and from the Office of Strategic Research. It had close liaison with the clandestine services, with the Office of National Estimates, the Office of Economic Research, the Office of Central Reference, the National Photographic Interpretation Center, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the National Security Agency.

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